

REMARKS

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner has rejected claims 6-11 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. In particular, the Examiner opines that claim 6 is indefinite because the intended scope of “short-chain” cannot be determined. And, the Examiner opines that claim 6 is indefinite because the parameter structural R' is undefined.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the amendments that have been made. To begin with, claim 1 has been amended to recite further characteristics of the short-chain living polymer. This recitation is supported at page 7, lines 13-24, in conjunction with page 5, lines 1-16 of the written description. Claim 1 has also been amended to recite that the formula includes substituent R¹, and the same has been defined as an organic group that will impact the double bond in a manner that will allow the double bond to be anionically polymerized.

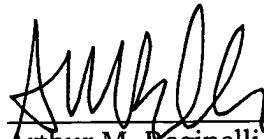
Applicants here note that claims 20-37 have been added. Support for these claims can be found at pages 6-9 of the written description.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and arguments presented herein, the Applicants believe that they have properly set forth the invention and accordingly, respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the rejections provided in the last Office Action. A formal Notice of Allowance of claims 6-11 and 20-37 is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner care to discuss any of the foregoing in greater detail, the undersigned attorney would welcome a telephone call.

The Commissioner is specifically authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 06-0925 in the amount of \$150.00 for the payment of fees associated with the addition of new claim. In the event that an additional fee is due or that any amount should be credited, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additions fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0925.

Respectfully submitted,



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